

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9-18, and 20-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, and 27 are amended herein. Claims 7 and 19 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed, and, in particular, in claims 7 and 19.

This amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, by addressing informalities and placing claims 1, 10, and 18, which were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, into independent form. Entry of this amendment is therefore requested respectfully. In the alternative, entry of this amendment is requested as placing the application in better condition for appeal, by reducing the issues outstanding. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Response to Arguments:

The Applicants appreciate the consideration given to their arguments, and the new grounds of rejection. Further favorable consideration is requested.

Objections to the Claims:

Claims 5 and 10 were objected to for various informalities. Claim 10 was amended in substantial accord with the Examiner's suggestions. The Examiner's suggestions are appreciated. Claim 5 depended from claim 1 in the amendment filed February 16, 2007, so no adjustment is believed to be necessary. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly solicited.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 18, 20-26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection is traversed. The final Office Action asserts in section 6a, at page 3, that:

Regarding claim 18, the limitation "an information management apparatus having medium-specific information and comprising a user-use area allowing..." is not described in the specification.

This is submitted to be incorrect. The preamble of claim 18 as filed originally recited, "(a)n information management apparatus having medium-specific information, and comprising a user-use area allowing...." Since the claims has filed originally are considered to be part of the specification, it is submitted that written support for their recitation of claim 18 appears explicitly in the specification.

Still, in the interest of compact prosecution only, and not for any reason of patentability, claim 18 has been amended to recite "(a)n information management apparatus having using a medium having medium-specific information," in accord with the Examiners implied suggestion. The Examiner's suggestion is appreciated. Claims 18, 20-26, and 28 are thus submitted to comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph:

Claims 5, 10, 15, 16, 22, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 5, 10, 15, 16, 22, and 27 were amended to make them more definite. The Examiner's suggestions are appreciated. Withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 contain allowable subject matter.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 1, 5, 6, 9-18, and 20-28 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 1, 5, 6, 9-18, and 20-28 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

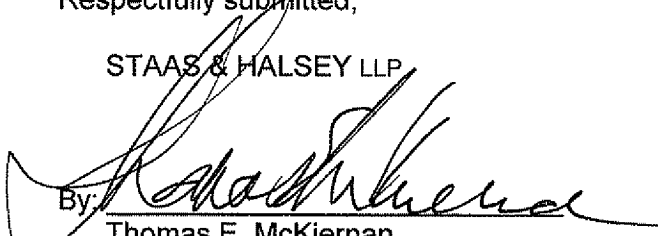
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